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REPRESENTATIVE MATCH

F.A. XI *versus* The R.A.F.

WEDNESDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1956

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

By Floodlight at Hillsborough

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Welcome

THE Sheffield Wednesday club give a hearty welcome to all our visitors for this floodlit representative match between the F.A. XI and the R.A.F. XI. We always appreciate the privilege of staging a representative match not only because it indicates the Football Association's confidence in the Wednesday club and their officials, but also because an opportunity is afforded football enthusiasts in Sheffield and South Yorkshire to see star players.

This is not the first time that an R.A.F. XI have been on view at Hillsborough. In May, 1941, there was the wartime match between the Army and the R.A.F., which the R.A.F. won 5—2. In November, 1954, Wednesday housed the F.A. XI v. The Army match and there is no reason why today's fixture should not provide equally good entertainment.

President of the R.A.F. Football Association is Air Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., Commander-in-Chief Bomber Command, who was in the co-pilot's seat in the ill-fated Vulcan bomber which recently crashed at London Airport. Sir Harry owed his life to the ejector seat.

Chairman of the R.A.F. Football Council is Group Captain J. C. Kilkenny, O.B.E. He is a Yorkshireman and represented his country in an amateur international a season or two before the war.

The secretary to the Association is Squadron Leader G. A. Hadley, who always takes a keen interest in professional footballers serving in the Royal Air Force. Football clubs have cause to appreciate Squadron Leader Hadley's help when they have desired the release of a serving player for any particular match.

Sheffield Wednesday express their sincere thanks for his help and co-operation on more than one occasion.

Here we point out, too, that the Football Association team is in charge of Mr. Frank Adams, chairman of the Wycombe Wanderers F.C. and member of the F.A. Council since 1947. Mr. Adams had charge of the F.A. team that toured South Africa last summer and is a member of the F.A. selection committee.

Below are brief paragraphs about the players.

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THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION XI.

JOHNNY BOLLANDS. Goalkeeper. Only 21 and transferred to Sunderland towards the end of March last season from Oldham Athletic. Sunderland had not seen him play and signed him on the recommendation of Athletic's then player-manager, George Hardwick. They have had no cause to regret the deal, and today's honour shows he has attracted national attention.

DON HOWE. Right-back. Native of Wolverhampton, he became a member of the ground staff of West Bromwich Albion when he left school. When 17 signed professional forms in November, 1952. Became a regular full-back for Albion in the second half of last season.

JIM LANGLEY. Left-back. This well-known Brighton and Hove Albion defender, has already played for England "B." First a left-half with Guildford City, he moved to Leeds United, where he also played as an outside-left. A Londoner, he next went to Brighton. Was in the F.A. XI team against the Army XI at Hillsborough in 1954. He is the captain.

EDDIE COLMAN. Right-half. One of Manchester United's young aces. Former Salford schoolboy star, who made his League debut against Bolton Wanderers last season. Expert in ball control, he is regarded as an England "future."

ROY GRATRIX. Centre-half. One of Blackpool's best post-war finds, he is 23 and joined Blackpool from a Salford Works' team in 1953. Groomed for top grade football as an amateur he was switched from right-back last season to centre-half in succession to Harry Johnston, who became manager of Reading.

TONY MARCHI. Left-half. Tottenham Hotspur player who is following in the footsteps of such famous wing-halves as Arthur Grimsdell and Ronnie Burgess. Non-stop enthusiast, he is a former schoolboy international and joined the 'Spurs in 1950.

ARTHUR KAYE. Outside-right. Barnsley's winger who has been into the limelight the past few seasons. Was chosen for the Northern Section XI against the Southern Section in 1954-55 season. Played with Barnsley, Yorkshire and England schoolboy teams before linking up at Oakwell. Has had England Under 23's honours.

ALICK JEFFREY. Inside-right. Teenager of Doncaster Rovers of whom so much has been written. The outstanding boy player of 1954, he gained international honours as a schoolboy, then figured in Youth internationals and last season got his amateur international cap. Now a professional he recently played for England Under 23's against Denmark.

BOBBY SMITH. Centre-forward. Joined Tottenham from Chelsea last season. Signed for Chelsea in 1950 when 17. Can play well as inside-forward but has made a hit as centre-forward. Helped Tottenham to avoid relegation.

DAVID DURIE. Inside-left. 24-year-old son of a Blackpool grocer, was signed by Blackpool in 1952 and came into prominence with the first-team last season.

JACK OVERFIELD. Outside-left. A Leeds United "local" who went to Elland Road from Yorkshire Amateurs as an outside-right. Player who has learned much from England's Tom Finney.

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ROYAL AIR FORCE XI.

A/C JOHN WREN. Goalkeeper. Resourceful player stationed at Padgate and member of Hibernian Scottish League team when duties permit.

A/C FRANK UPTON. Right-back. Sound defender who has been in Derby County's League team for the past three seasons. Last season he made 33 appearances. Was signed by Northampton from Nuneaton and subsequently transferred to Derby County in 1954. Stands 6ft.

A/C J. THRELFALL. Left-back. Stationed at Kirkham, Threlfall is on the strength of Bolton Wanderers and last season made three appearances in the League side. Player with a bright future.

A/C A. H. KAY. Right-half. Needs no introduction for he is Sheffield Wednesday's Tony Kay and stationed with the R.A.F. at Innsworth. Last season he made eight consecutive appearances in Wednesday's League team at left-half before joining up.

A/C Barry BUTLER. Centre-half. Is another player well known to you. Barry Butler came to Hillsborough from Middlesbrough South Bank as an amateur, then turned professional. In season 1953-54 he made eleven League appearances and another 15 in 1954-55. Played his part in the Wednesday run to the Cup semi-final a couple of years ago.

A/C R. J. M. THOMSON. Left-half. Strong, hard tackling youngster who is one of Manager Stan. Cullis's products. Holds a regular place in Wolverhampton's Central League side.

A/C A. E. BARTON. Outside-right. Tony is on the staff of Fulham. Made his League debut for them at the end of season 1953-54 when only 17. Last season made eight League appearances and has been in the first team this season.

A/C P. BRABROOK. Inside-right. Peter was at Hillsborough assisting Chelsea in a League match a few weeks ago. He was developed through Chelsea junior sides being a native of London. Made 18 League appearances last season.

A/C STEWART LEARY. Centre-forward of Charlton Athletic, who came from South Africa when 17. Native of Pretoria, he played schoolboy football with Eddie Firmani. Big scorer he has had England "B" honours. Plays cricket for Kent.

A/C JIM McANEARNEY. Inside-left. Third Sheffield Wednesday player in the side. Brother of Tom. Has made a dozen League appearances in the last three seasons. Skilful forward with his best days ahead.

A/C DAVE CARGILL. Outside - left. Stationed at Ringway, 20-year-old ex-Burnley winger signed for Wednesday quite recently. Scot of Arbroath, he went to Turf Moor when 15.

Football Association XI

Johnny Bollands

2 Don Howe — 3 Jim Langley

4 Eddie Colman — 5 Roy Gratrix — 6 Tony Marchi

7 Arthur Kaye — 8 Alick Jeffrey — 9 Bobby Smith — 10 David Durie — 11 Jack Overfield

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